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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the association of a template with a directory is made on the basis of the template file being stored in that directory.

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising:
 associating metadata with each content file; and
 carrying out the respective pre-determined operation on each content file upon the application of an associated template file on the basis of the respective associated metadata.

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